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1. On 11 March, the Peseler Kaserne on the west side of Teucheler Weg and south of Weinberge, Wittenberg, was occupied by about 1,200 troops, 150 officers and about 50 uniformed women who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia. On 9 March, T-34/85 tanks                      SU-249 guns                      returned to the installation. From 3 to 11 March, 4 JS-3 tanks JS-1 tank                      4 T-34 tanks                      and 1 SU-249 were seen in the billeting area. Troops were predominantly engaged in group and individual training. 25X1

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2. On 11 March, the Tauentzien Kaserne between Berliner Strasse, Juristen Strasse and Mauer Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. From 3 to 11 March, 5 T-34/85 tanks, armored scout car                      9 x 85-mm AT guns and 1 amphibious car were seen in the billeting area. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the installation. 25X1

                     Training activity concentrated on individual and group training.

3. On 11 March, the Flak Kaserne in the suburb of Trajuhn, on the west side of Tschalkowski Strasse and on the north side of Nordend Strasse was occupied by about 2,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. From 3 to 11 March, 1 T-34 tank, 17 T-34/85 tanks                      and 4 x 37-mm AA guns were identified in the billeting area. Troops were engaged predominantly in individual and group training. 25X1

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1. Comment. The tank turret confirm the 51st Gds Tank Regt as well as the 78th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div in the Beseler Kaserne. The tanks which arrived on 9 March are believed to have returned from combat firing at Werder-Markendorf on the train they were dispatched in Wittenberg on 2 March and, thus, they must have practiced for five days.

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2. Comment. No changes appear to have occurred with the occupation of the Tauntzien Kaserne and Flak Kaserne.

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